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Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: **Robert C. Downs, et al.**For: **AUTOMATED CENTRIFUGE AND METHOD OF USING SAME**

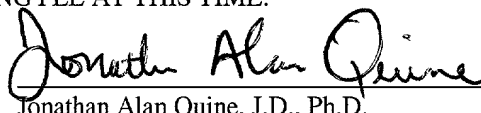
- ☐ For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.
- ☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: USSN 09/780,589 filed February 8, 2001, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
- ☐ Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference for all purposes."

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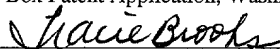
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